

Editor Moodie Fighting Mad At 52,000-acre "Give-Away"

● There is considerable news of interest in this issue - big things - and the absence of a paper for the "26th" provides means of featuring all of it.

● The Fall Fair, which, besides the opening remarks, gives a full list of the prize-winners. An excellent way to record some of the "progressive" farmers of the day.

● The change in Postmasters seems somewhat sad as John L. Logie, pioneer of 1878, gives way to new-comer, Edwin Rose (father of Dr. Rose, who served as the local 'medic' for some 35 years).

● Editor Moodie bristles over a big govt. 'give-away' of 52,000 acres of county lands, and with an attitude of "You can't do that to us" promises to trace the 'foul' deed to its source. After all, that's a whopping chunk of land - about 80 secs., or a little over two townships. Not much wonder he just about jumped out of his boots when he heard about it - and so did the Reeve and Councillors of the Municipality.

● The trials and tribulations of "Mr. Boyd" and his balky team will get some smiles, also lots of sympathetic understanding from those who remember the frustrating job it could be to get mules to respond to the rules. Mr. Wm. Boyd was a very big man, and father of Bert, Jarvis, Bill, Chas. and Mrs. Newlands, all gone; and grandfather of Mrs. Cecil Diehl, resident of East Dennis St. Mr. Boyd was noted for his booming laugh, and he must have enjoyed telling and re-telling this experience all down the years.

● The "letters to the editor" re the slaughter of prairie chickens from farmers up Plumas way, may seem like an over-statement when 1500 were killed off in one season by a few hunters; but even up to the turn of the century - some 16 years later - the prairies abounded with flocks of these shy, beautiful and harmless fowl. My mother often spoke of her regret as they were "slaughtered" off year by year.

● Some readers may have noticed the up-grade in paper used in the Sept. issue; also the upped cost in postage, because of it. From 32c to 48c is quite a penalty to pay in an effort to have the pictures print better. Lucky for us we didn't have 1,000 subscribers; the bill would have been \$480. Ridiculous! Something will have to be done about it. But what? However, come what may, we'll try to finish off the year "1884".

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, B.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

October

1884



14 Schools Attend Empire Day Rally — May 21st, 1915

THIS WAS THE FOURTH FIELD DAY held successively in Gladstone. The new Inspector of Schools, Mr. A. A. Herriott, had unveiled his idea in 1912, and this was the best yet. The Gladstone Age listed the schools as follows: Ayr, Blake, Bear Creek, Gillespie, Golden Stream, Keyes, Livingstone, Palestine, Pembroke, Preston, Soudan, Silver Stream, Valley Stream; and Gladstone High & Public School. Between 400 and 500 pupils met at the school grounds early in the morning for the preliminaries, which included speeches by Mr. Herriott and Mr. Peter Broadfoot, who represented the School Board; followed by the announcement of Essay Winners. These were: Gr. I: 1st, Johnny Leaman; 2nd, Philip Pinn. Hon. Mention: Hazel McAskill, John McDonald, Ira Sheridan, Vera McConeghy, Isabel Broadfoot, Iva Grantham. — Gr. II: 1st, Ruby Eborall; 2nd, Archie Sokolowski; 3rd, Jessie Jack; Hon. Mention: Nora Tinck, Jas. Vinie, Mary Ander, Martha Ander, Bertha Kemp, Gertrude Kerr, Mabel Mayor, Davie Cathcart, Roy Clayton, Jas. Carefoot, Frank Ander. — Gr. III: 1st, Hectorine McLean; 2nd, Helen Smith; Hon. Mention: Mary Pinn, Sybil Cresswell, Gladys Mayor, John Tookey. — Gr. IV: 1st, Jack Davis; 2nd, Viola Pollock; Hon. Mention: Archie McIntosh, Jas. Gangel, Harvey Smith, Isabel McDonald. — Gr. V: 1st, Eva McGowan; 2nd, Margaret Brydon; Hon. Mention: Edna McIntosh, Lawson Green, Geo. Tookey, Viola Jefferson, Edith Brown, Eunice Grantham, Melvin West, Rita Wallace, Burzina Smith, Helen Sokolowski, Hazel Stevens, Robert Kerslake. — Gr. VI: 1st, Laura Riches; A. M. Crowder. — Gr. VII: 1st, Marie Smith; Lois Strachan. — Gr. VIII: Edith Mayor; Tillie Gillespie. — Gr. IX: Ina Broadfoot; Ernest Nichol. — Seniors, X & XI: Fern Grose, Louise Murray. (See Picture, next Page)

SATURDAY
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SAT., OCTOBER 4th, 1884:

Mr. John Ferguson's new store on Morris Ave. has been rented by Mr. Edwin Rose for the post office. Mr. Clubb has made the necessary alterations. The letter boxes, which are solid and roomy stand on end, occupying the entire length of the counter. ((The name of "John" here looks like an error for Peter Ferguson has been the only merchant mentioned so far for Morris Ave. However the next issue clears this up. It seems that John Ferguson owned a building next to Dean & Paynter's hardware store, or, more likely, the hardware store occupied only a portion of the building. This could be indicated by the report of the fire that consumed both store and post office 4 yrs. later, on Mar. 3, '88)).

Married at the manse, Gladstone, by the Rev. D. Stalker, B.A., Mr. Andrew Burnside, of McGregor Tp., ((Mekwin)), to Miss Minnie McDiarmid, of Livingstonstone.

FALL FAIR

The 7th annual Exhibition of the Westbourne Electoral Division Agricultural Society happened on an unfortunate day. The fine weather of the last wk. finished the night before show day, when it started on a wet tack, keeping up an uncomfortable drizzle all day. In fact to keep up the exceptional weather, it imported a real scotch mist, without paying duty we fear, which our Federal clerk will have to chalk down on the loss side of the account. It would confer a blessing if they would loose us as well. Notwithstanding teams and show stuff continued to arrive from early dawn, and before noon the inside show was as good in some case, if not better, than any previous one.

Unfortunately the unpromising day deterred most of our stand-by judges from putting in an appearance. Mr. Hay, of McGregor was present and put in faithful work. The extempore judges performed their difficult work so as to give pretty general satisfaction.

The display of horses was beyond expectation, mules also being well represented, while colts were the finest lot yet exhibited. Buggy beasts and saddle horses were a good collection.

In cattle, thoroughbred bulls were in great force, and pretty hard to judge; the grades were superior in number and quality to any previous show.

Sheep and pigs were slimly represented, though what was on hand was good.

The display of poultry was by long odds the best we have yet had.

The cereal prizes were more largely competed for than usual though outsiders might suppose with reason, from the relative quantity of cereal and root exhibits, that we grew the latter in our fields, the former in our gardens. The red and white Fyfe wheat were very fair samples: the oats and barley fair.

The root exhibits took the cake. It would be hard to beat the display of all kinds suited to our clime. Cabbages, 3 weighing up to 60 lbs., pumpkins, girding between 3 and 4 feet; mangolds and turnips of gigantic size; potatoes; onions; beets; carrots that for uniform growth and symmetrical shape along with their size, could scarcely be improved on.

The dairy products, bread, preserves, etc., were fully up to the usual, though there was a slight slacking off in the quantity and quality of fancy work.

The fine collection of stuffed birds by Rev. F. Jephcott, shewed him to be a taxidermist of the first water. Tommy Neville's drawing of battleships and Mr. Crouter's study of a female head justifying further attempts. An example of house-wifely energy was the collection of Mrs. McAlpine, of 68 different kinds of preserves and pickles.

The following ladies & gentlemen judged the Hall products which, if the whole 850 entries had come forward, the Hall could not of held: Mrs. E. Rose, Miss Stalker, Mayor McDonald, and Messrs. Smalley and Rhind.

Subjoined is the full prize-list, which, on account of indistinct marking may contain a few mistakes. They will be rectified on notification.

PRIZE LIST

Heavy draught brood mare, J. J. Stewart, 1st & 2nd; heavy draught span horses, D. McCaskill, 1st; General Brood Mare, J. M. Jamieson, 1st; Geo. Phillips, 2nd; Gelding or Filly, 3 yrs. old: J. J. Stewart, 1st; D. McCaskill, 2nd; Gelding or Filly 1 yr. old: G. Clubb, 1st; General Span of Horses: A. Gerow, 1st; G. Waters, 2nd; Matched Span of Carriage Horses: J. M. Jamieson, 1st; Single Driving Horse, W. Glenn, 1st; Jas. McCrae, 2nd; Saddle Horse, J. Milne, 1st; E. Atrill, 2nd; Native Pony, G. Gerow, 1st; J. Herron, 2nd; Span

of Mules, heavy draught, J. Herron, 1st; Span of Mules, general purpose, A. Duncan, 1st & 2nd; Hvy. Draught Spring Colt, J. J. Stewart, 1st; General Purpose Spring Colt: J. M. Jamieson, 1st, E. Atrill, 2nd.

Class II: Durham Cattle: Bull 3 yrs. & upward, P. Broadfoot, 1st; G. Grantham, 2nd; Bull, 2 yrs. and upward: D. Budge, 1st; H. Mustard, 2nd.

Class III, Grade Cattle: Cow, 3 yrs. & upwards: E. Atrill, 1st; D. McCaskill, 2nd; Heifer, 2 yrs. & upwards: E. Atrill, 1st; P. Broadfoot, 2nd; Heifer, 1 yr., F. Blackmore, 1st; J. A. Findlay, 2nd; Heifer Calf, under 1 year, Geo. Carr, 1st; E. Atrill, 2nd; Herd of Cattle, consisting of 5 females over 1 yr., E. Atrill, 1st; J. A. Findlay, 2nd.

Cl. IV: Working & Fat Cattle, Yoke Oxen, 4 yrs. & upwards, M. Neville, 1st; P. H. Moodie, 2nd; Yoke of 3-yr.-old Steers: E. Atrill; J. A. Findlay; Pair of Yearling Steers: J. A. Findlay, P. Broadfoot: 5 Sheep & Shearling Lamb: P. Broadfoot; Ram Lamb: D. J. McQueen; Pr. Aged Ewes: P. Broadfoot; Pair Shearling Ewes, P. Broadfoot; Fat Sheep: D. J. McQueen, P. Broadfoot.

Class VI: Pigs: Sow, under 2 yrs., D. McCaskill; Fat Pig: J. McDougall.

Class VII: Poultry: Pair of Geese: G. Carr; A. McDiarmid; Pair Turkeys: W. H. West; G. Waters; Pair Ducks: D. Rintoul, M. Neville; Cochins China (cock & 2 hens): J. Small, J. McDougall; Leghorns, do, W. H. West; Game, do, Rev. F. Jephcott; Common, do, J. Small, D. Rintoul; Other Breeds, do, W. H. West, G. Waters.

Class VIII: Field Grains, Seeds, etc.: Wheat, Fyfe, 2 bus., T. L. Morton, J. Ferguson; Wheat, (any other variety), P. Broadfoot, W. Ross; Barley, J. M. Jamieson, T. L. Morton; Peas, large, W. Ross, Ferguson; Indian Corn, 6 ears, G. F. Rodgers, J. Davidson; Timothy Seed, 1 peck, D. Gerow, A. Halliday; Any other kind of cultivated Grass Seed, W. Y. Clubb, G. Waters.

Class IX: Roots & Vegetables: Coll. of Vegetables, D. Budge, G. Bruce; Half-Bus. Potatoes, Early Rose, W. Y. Clubb, W. Boyd; Collection (not less than 6 varieties, 6 of each named): W. Ross, A. Halliday; Swedish Turnips, 6, J. J. Stewart, A. Halliday, and E. Atrill special mention; Greystone Turnips, 6, A. Dunning; Yellow Turnips, 6, (Aberdeen), A. Duncan; Mangold Wurtzel, 6 white globe, long red, J. J. Stewart, W. Boyd; Carrots, 6, white, field, A. Halliday, G. Bruce; Carrots, 6, long red, field, A. Halliday, W. Boyd; Pumpkins, 2, A. Halliday, J. Duncan; Kidney Beans, 2 qts., A. Halliday, J. Milne; Beans, large, 2 qts., W. Ross, A. Halliday; Butter Beans, 2 qts., J. Milne; Beets, 6, long, J. J. Stewart, T. L. Morton; Turnip Beets, 6, T. L. Morton, G. Bruce; Carrots, 6, intermediate, A. Halliday, G. Bruce; Table Carrots, short, A. Halliday, G. Waters; Cabbage, 2 heads, early, W. Boyd, S. Williams; Cabbage, 2 heads, winter, G. Bruce, J. J. Stewart; Cauliflower, 2 heads, G. Bruce, J. J. Stewart; Scotch Kale, 2 heads, J. McAlpine, G. Bruce; Cucumbers, 2, A. Halliday, G. Bruce; Citron, 2, G. Waters, A. Halliday; Watermelon, 2, A. Halliday; Vegetable Marrow, 2, J. Small, G. Waters; Garden Peas, 1 qt., A. Downie, A. Halliday; Onions, red, J. Milne, G. Bruce; Onions, yellow, J. Milne, A. Gerow; Onions, white, T. L. Morton; Top Onions, G. Waters; Potato Onions, D. Rintoul, A. Gerow; 12 Tomatoes, D. Gerow, A. Gerow; Native Hops, A. Downie, James Milne; Bunch of Savory, J. McAlpine, A. Gerow; Bunch Parsley, J. McAlpine, S. Williams; Bunch of Sage, S. Williams, A. Halliday; Teacupful of Coriander Seed, A. Downie, A. Halliday; Teacupful of Caraway, J. Milne; Rhubarb, 6 stalks, D. Budge, A. Halliday.

Class X: Horticultural Products: Coll. House Plants, W. Y. Clubb, J. McAlpine; Asst. Fruit Preserves, home-made, J. McAlpine, S. T. Wilson; Asst. of Pickles, home-made, J. McAlpine, S. T. Wilson; Bottle Tomato Catsup, D. Gerow, A. Gerow; Bouquet Garden Flowers, S. Williams, G. F. Rodgers; Bouquet of Wild Flowers, J. Hockin, S. Williams; Bottle Mushroom Catsup, S. Williams, T. Cory; Collection Prairie Grasses, S. Williams, A. Downie; Wine, home-made, half-gal., A. Gerow, S. T. Wilson.

Class XI: Dairy Products: Pail Butter, not less than 20 lbs., F. Blackmore, J. Hockin; Crock of Butter, 10-lbs., J. A. Broadfoot, D. Gerow; Butter, sample for table use, not less than 5-lbs., A. Downie, J. A. Broadfoot; Cheese, home-made, 10-lbs., J. M. Jamieson; Loaf of Home-Made Bread, S. T. Wilson, P. Broadfoot; 12 Buns, home-made, D. Rintoul, D. Gerow; Soap, 5-lbs., home-made, hard, S. Williams, A. Downie; Bag of Flour, straight grade, J. McDougall.

Class XII: Needlework & knitting: Home-Made Yarn, double, A. Downie, J. Milne; Home-Made Yarn, fine, G. Waters, A. Downie; Pair Woolen Socks, A. Gerow, J. A. Broadfoot; Pair Woolen Socks, fine, F. Schooley, A. Downie; Pair of Woolen Socks, coarse, A. Gerow, S. Williams; Pair of Woolen Stockings, fine, G. Bruce, A. Gerow; Pr. Cotton Socks, coarse, A. Downie, A. Gerow; Pair Cotton Socks, fine, A. Gerow, D. Gerow, J. Davidson; Crochet Work, J. Ferguson, D. Gerow; Embroidery, J. M. Jamieson, J. Ferguson; Assort. Ornamental Needlework, I. Davidson, F. Schooley; Patchwork Quilt, J. Herron; Wool Work,

F. Schooley, J. Ferguson; Cordon of Braid Work, J. M. Jamieson, D. Gerow; Tatting, A. Downie, D. Gerow; Log Cabin Quilt, S. Williams, A. Gerow; Quilted Quilt, J. M. Jamieson, D. Gerow; Crochet Lace, J. M. Jamieson, D. Gerow; Knit Lace, J. Ferguson, A. Downie; Child's Dress, J. Ferrier; Gent's Shirt, woolen, J. A. Broadfoot; Hat of Native Straw, A. Downie, J. Milne; Motto, F. Schooley, W. Y. Clubb.

Specials: Best 2 bus. wheat, barley and oats, not less than 5 entries, T. L. Morton, J. Ferguson; Specimen of Handwriting, boys attending school, Edwin Rose; Specimen of Handwriting, girls attending school, J. A. Findlay; Coll. of Stuffed Birds and Animals, Rev. F. Jephcott; Best Pr. Canaries (cock & hen), F. Blackmore, W. Y. Clubb; Best Collie Dog, J. M. Jamieson, J. Small; Water Color Painting, J. Mason; Special Mention, Hair Wreath, F. Schooley; Wall Pockets, J. Ferrier; Braiding, J. Ferrier; Cotton Stockings, A. Downie, W. Grantham.

LOCAL

110 sq. yds. over 2½ acres of wheat grown on Mr. Stewart's farm in Lansdowne Municipality produced 150 bus.

The long illness of Mr. J. Garbutt, of Blake, terminated in death at Portage on Monday.

Mr. Best, grain-buyer, and his bride, arrived this week in Gladstone.

Three bouncing baby boys are among the arrivals in town within the last week.

Mr. Dan Reece has sold two lots this week to Mr. Edwin Rose.

Mrs. Neville is again very seriously ill.

The fame of our Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society must be spreading fast and far, they having an order to fill from a neighboring town of a smoking cap.

Miss Dunning, teacher of Florence School, has gone to the Portage to attend the session of the Provincial Normal School that is being held there during October.

Three white turnips, grown on the farm of Mr. Abijah Dunning, Richmond, weighed 25½, 26 and 30 lbs. A pumpkin grown by Mr. Colin McDiarmid, weighed 22 lbs.

On account of the extra space required for the show a full account of the important business transacted at Wednesday's meeting of Westbourne Municipal council is held over until next issue.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid netted from their bazaar & dining tables on show day, \$60. A more extended notice is crowded out. No odds, as long as the cash is not imperilled!

If the tomatoes Mr. David Kerr of Palestine, left at our office the early part of the week are anything like a fair sample of what he has raised in that line this season, he ought to stand a good show for a prize.

The bridge across Dead Lake, near the graveyard, we are told, has too high approaches. They are too much like jumping off places. Also there is too much crown without enough breadth of road on the approaches. The sooner it's seen to the better. Things ain't equal at all, at all! Here is the road burdened with too much crown and yet we can't get the sight of one, far less heaps of 'em. The bridge across the White Mud at John Moodie's also wants looking after.

Some correspondence has been left over until next week.

Coun. West, from 3 lbs. of the White Star potatoes, had exactly 5 bushels.

Drainage matters will have attention in our next issue.

Mr. J. A. W. Crouter will give a lecture tonight in the Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock sharp. Subject: Demonstration that there was a universal deluge. No door fee; collection taken.

A look into Dean & Paynter's new furniture store showed a fine array of substantial and elegant furniture, though all the stock has not arrived yet. To those whom it may concern, cradles are a specialty.

The concert of the Maple Leaf Baseball club on the evening of show day was both in attendance and quality of performance, a great success. Particularizing, to be impartial, ought to cover the whole programme, which, unfortunately, we have no room for in this issue but may in our next.

Messrs. Clapperton, Gibb and More, Scotch gentlemen of means were conducted over the M. & N. W. rly. by Mr. Baker on Mon. They expressed surprise & pleasure at all they had seen of Manitoba's growth and prosperity; and no doubt the very favorable impression which our part of the country has had on them may bear fruit when they get home.

Dr. Keele and Mr. Adamson, from the Portage arrived last Friday on a shooting expedition. We should not deny any strangers a day or two occasional legitimate sport; but if it is a fact, as we have been informed, that they are shooting for a livelihood, then there was too much of the same kind of business done last season here to relish any more of it this. Farmers ought to order them off their ground or claim the birds they shoot.

TOWN COUNCIL

The Council had a meeting on Wednesday evening in the Town (Continued)



A View of the School Grounds on Rally Day, May 21, 1915

FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF "ESSAY WINNERS" the schools followed their particular banners in a parade down Morris Ave., across the bridge & down into the shady precincts of what later was to be called Williams' Park where they enjoyed lunch & a restful hour before returning to the school grounds for an afternoon of sports competitions. Most points (based on a ratio of scholars) went to Silver Stream, with Gladstone and Blake tied for second. — Above is a good view of that part of the town as it was 69 years ago. The 3-storey brick school (built in 1898, but not occupied until Jan. 1899) and its playground occupied the full block except for the Presbyterian church, manse, and the Orange Hall on the west side (the first Anglican Church, 1887). Later, some 11 years after the school burned in Oct. 1918, the curling and open air skating rinks occupied the area, and thus it remained for almost 40 years, except for the removal of the Hall as a replacement for the dilapidated blacksmith shop in 1960. Now five modern dwellings and the Hydro headquarters occupy the area. — To the extreme left can be seen the first hospital building, used until 1939. The two buildings closer up once served (prior to 1899) as classrooms and were purchased and moved across Cameron by A. G. Williams and served as dwellings down to recent times. The Baptist Church, partially hidden by the school (built in 1900) had by 1915 been turned into barracks for soldiers. After the war and after the school fire this building was used for 5 years as the Grade One classroom. In the lower right hand corner is partially visible one of the two out-houses, two buildings that survived the fire and continued in service for some time thereafter. — The picture of the parade was turned in some time ago by Mrs. Darlene Fehr (Sheridan); and of the schoolgrounds, borrowed from Mr. B. L. MacKenzie's extensive collection of memorabilia - well worth seeing.

(Oct. 4th Issue, Continued)

Hall. Present: Mayor Claxton in the chair, and Couns. Ferguson, McKelvy, Galloway & Andrews.

Minutes of ordinary and special meetings were read and approved.

Communications

From Lewis Dunning, calling attention to the filthy condition of the lane adjoining his residence. Clerk was instructed to notify parties to have it cleaned up.

Accounts

The following accounts were referred to Finance Committee. Fixing bridge on Morris Ave., \$20.30; do, culverts at the mill, \$17.22; third part of 3 months rent of registry office ending Dec. 31st, 1883, \$10.45.

Reports

Coun. McKelvy reported that he had let the work on bridge on Morris Ave. to Geo. McCrae, and saw same done according to instructions.

Mr. McDougall had promised to fill in the approaches to culverts should the council put them in. He considered the charge of \$5 for making and putting them in too much.

The Sec-Treas. reported that he had paid over to the school-board \$287.91; and paid \$225 of debenture coupons.

The following by-law was passed through all its stages allowing a rebate of 10 p.c. on all taxes paid before the 1st of Nov.

The clerk was instructed to collect from resident ratepayers their arrears of taxes and report the amount to a meeting a week from this date.

TIT FOR TAT

I had a long stretch of it on my knees after I got home from the dance last Saturday. — J.F.

I stiffened my knee joints by burying them deep in a bin of wheat, although I was oblivious all the same. — A.G.W.

Boys who can't keep their eyes open after a dance ought to be tucked away in their little beds when the next comes round.—The Girls.

Ain't I great on the snarl! I have been chuckling over the exposure I made of our Fall Show

officials ever since. — E.E.B.

A snarler who runs away from home with bad stories about the institutions of the place he makes his bread in can't have much heart in it. — Citizens.

WE FARM THE GAME DO YOU?

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: I notice that these chicken slaughterers are round again dealing destruction to our game, which ought to be put a stop to. Why don't these men shoot nearer Portage, where they live? For the reason that farmers there wouldn't stand for it, and we, whom they set down as a pack of know-nothings, will!

Not so fast doctor and banker, out of a job! Our farmers don't intend you should eke out your precarious existence by trading off their game for daily bread. Things are being made hot for you by most of our Richmond farmers with the intention to make them hotter if you persist. If you want to make an honest dollar the farmers may tolerate you round their threshings, if you are worth it, but not as huckster sportsmen: and please take a note of this and act on it. The party that was here last yr. took away, it is said, 1500 birds. I am afraid the present shootists will require to be content with the removal of little less than whole skins. It amazes many to see how one or two of our farmers' harbours such characters. To protect game all through the closed season: to feed it, and then throw open one's house for the purpose of letting others rob you of what, by every right belongs to the settlers, appears to be the height of folly. Fellow farmers, let us have no more of such tomfoolery! Don't be so benevolent: give them a hot potato or two with a few trimmings if you can afford it (for apparently they need it) when they make a first call on you or your fields, but give them distinctly to understand you want no more of them. Let blue-blooded poverty root in some less genteel way for a living than by robbing the farmers of their game.

Blake, Sept. 30, 1884.

thereanent, is in order. If party government is a necessity, the foundation on which it appears to rest, party patronage, and partiality in that, isn't the fairest thing in the world, as this change testifies. Wouldn't it have been fairer to have appointed some good conservative here, who has been identified with the growth of the place as many years as the appointee has been months; to whom the office would have been a great boon in these times, and who could have performed the duties efficiently enough? Or, wouldn't it be wiser in all such cases to widen the sphere of choice, so as to make it include every eligible person, and let the people choose?

One crumb of comfort we have in the appointment; which we felt like punching (had we been able) — the mayor of this town lately — for trying to deprive us of, who, in the course of a conversation on the subject, tried to stuff or bluff us into the belief that our Member gave the office, viz., that it is the first break in that long chain of patronage hitherto dispensed by him. Like God's grace, Mr. Brown has the peculiar knack of bestowing his favors on the most unlikely subjects, but, unlike it, it is hard to say whether the patronage bestowed has hitherto hurt the county or demoralized the individual the more.

It helps to submit with great grace to the inevitable to know that Mr. Rose, who now occupies the position of postmaster, is a gentleman of business capacity, and of means, who has acquired a stake in the county, and who is using his capital in the legitimate channels of trade to further increase it. must benefit the community as a whole. Occupying such vantage ground, the expectation is, that he will do his own thinking and acting, which is the great desideratum here.

((Editorial)) . . .

The following is a true copy of the patent issued to W. E. Sanford for the marsh lands in this county, which on being handed round the Council Board at the last meeting, caused no small consternation and indignation & provoked the vigorous action on their part, reported in another column of this issue. Such underhanded and hurtful proceedings on the part of him who should be fair and above board, the county's best friend, instead of apparently, its worst enemy, can only have one result by and by, if the electorate are true to themselves. The Patent is as follows: "And whereas the said hereinafter described lands are portion of the lands reclaimed, pursuant to the acts in force and Orders in Council aforesaid, and William Eli Sanford of the city of Hamilton in the Province of Ontario, merchant, has become entitled to a grant thereof in consideration of the terms and conditions of drainage thereof having been completed, proof

whereof has been duly made, know ye that a consideration of the promises and in pursuance of the said acts hereinbefore mentioned, we have granted, etc." (Signed) D. H. Wilson, Provincial Secretary.

How the Minister of Public Works, who has been the prime mover all through the drainage business, our representative, and knowing the facts, could be a party to surrendering these lands on such a false ground - that the work was done - which not one man in the county could be found to back up, can only be accounted for on the surmise (a too outspoken councillor apparently in secret, declared the other day, he could prove it to be a fact) that he is interested, and it is not the first instance, may it be the last, when his interests and those of his constituents conflicting, the latter invariably has had to go to the wall.

Known to be no great lover of his ways, through the 18 months we have run our rag, we have been careful to construe his every act in the most favorable light possible, but we would be recreant to our trust and the county's interests if we did not endeavour to probe this thing to the very bottom, if it has any.

LOCAL

Magnificent weather.

We had a call from Mr. J. A. Davidson, M.P.P., and his brother W., yesterday.

N. E. Smith, of Richmond ((Plumas)), bound and shocked 2½ acres of wheat in 3 hours.

Mrs. Ferrier has been away visiting in Winnipeg for a week.

Some new arrivals have been prospecting in the neighborhood for homesteads this week.

Mr. Fahrni has shipped a car load of his wheat east. His crop threshed out over 3200 bushels.

Rev. F. Jephcott will preach a Harvest Thanksgiving sermon tomorrow evening.

Mr. Jamieson shipped some of his cheese to Portage on Tues., the advance guard of more to follow.

The Directors of Westbourne Agricultural Society meet for despatch of business in Andrews' Hall tonight at 7 o'clock.

Mr. W. Ferguson, of McGregor ((Mekiwini)), raised 43 lbs of potatoes from one-quarter of a lb. of Pride of Canada seed; Treas. Morton raising 3 bushels from a little over 1 lb. of the same variety.

Rev. Mr. Mowat, from Brandon district, who is assisting Rev. D. Stalker on this sacramental occasion, will preach today at 3 o'clock; thereafter the managers of the church have a meeting.

Mr. Ferguson shipped a carload of potatoes to Medicine Hat on Thurs. Galloway Bros. shipped two cars, one on Thurs. filled with potatoes, another today with potatoes and vegetables, to the same destination.

On Mr. McLatchie's arrival in town from Dauphin he found orders awaiting him for further survey work there. Having provided himself with a new squad of men, his old one wanting to spend before they earned more, and a fresh supply of provisions, he started back yesterday. The new work will take him well on to two months to finish.

Isn't it high time that some move was being made in the way of providing improvement for the winter months? The Mutual Improvement Society, which had such a capital run last winter ought to be started right away, and the young men of the town cannot do better than take the lead in starting and keeping it going through this season.

A Gold Medal has been awarded to Buckthorn Steel Fencing at the Dominion Exhibition. This is the only medal that has ever been awarded for fencing, and this universal honor would appear to bear out the opinion of every farmer who has seen Mr. Lorne's exhibit, that it is the best fencing in the world. For sale by the Watson Manufacturing Co.s agents.

The third convention of the Western Manitoba Teachers' Association is to be held in the public school, Minnedosa on the 16 and 17 inst. Mr. Best reads a paper at it. At a public meeting to be held in the evening of the second day addresses will be given by J. B. Somerset, Esq., Superintendent of Education, Principal Goggin, of the Provincial Normal School, and by those of the local Inspectors present.

Mr. Crouter, a lecturer of many years standing, gave recently a couple of lectures in Gladstone on "Proof that there was a universal Deluge" and the "Philosophy of human happiness." The subjects were handled in a unique, striking and interesting manner, though, withal, rather deeply to be fully enjoyed by the unscientific mind. The chief reason for his visit here was to see his relatives, Mr. Crouter, of town, being a cousin. He went west on Wednesday.

We are informed that settlers of McGregor township will have their Grange in running order at an early day. Every one to his notion, but after all division of labor may be the best for all.

It appears that Mr. Crouter, who has been lecturing here has also an established reputation as a phrenologist. Mr. Thomson, agent here for the Watson Manufacturing Co., having a chart of his head which he made for him ten years ago in Canada. This being hruited abroad during his

stay here caused quite a rush on him by those anxious to know from the external configurations of their skulls, what might be expected to come from inside.

Complaints have been made to us of the unseemly hooting and yelling proceeding from the upper bridge on Sunday evening, just as the churches were coming out. If the racket was the result of the over-flowing spirits of the survey boys on getting back to civilization after three months absence from it, not much need be said; but if anybody else's spirits helped the hubbub, then the thing should be put a stop to. Public sentiment of the town should not tolerate drinking on Sunday.

Mr. A. S. Patton, the new deputy post office inspector, was in Gladstone on Monday taking over post office business from the late postmaster, Mr. Logie, and installing the new one, Mr. E. Rose. The office is now removed to Mr. J. Ferguson's roomy store on Morris Ave., next to Dean & Paynter's hardware store. One side of it has been suitably fitted up for post office business with solid and roomy boxes the whole length of the counter, which, when they get their doors on and locks fixed, will be a novelty and great convenience. ((It is an idle comment but we'll record it as a rather interesting coincidence that the type for this item was set on Sept. 6th, exactly 100 years to the day that Postmaster Rose took on his new duties)).

Three very good samples of the freaks of potato nature, that would give a good start to a potato museum, have been furnished us by Mr. Gregor McGregor, of McGregor township. No. 1 consists of two large, well-formed potatoes grown from the same stem in opposite directions; No. 2 is a sonsy potato with a dozen big and small shoots clinging to it, the whole weighing 2 lbs., 3 oz.; No. 3 consists of 3 generations, a burdly grandfather potato, four stalwart sons, and two grandsons, one of them being strapping enough to make the old fellow a great-grandfather. It weighed 2 lbs., 11 oz. ((You may need the dictionary for some of the above. "Sonsy" is robust, etc., "burdly" is strong, athletic)).

Messrs. Sutherland, Small, McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Nicol, and Mr. and Mrs. Best were judges at the Agricultural Show held on Tues. at Neepawa. The show of livestock was very fair, Mr. Adam McKenzie showing over 30 head. The grain exhibit was on a par with our own. The display of roots was not so large, but the kinds exhibited were fully as good, Mr. G. McGregor showing a grand collection of a dozen varieties of potatoes. The ladies' work, both as to quantity and quality, was away ahead of ours.

GOVT. DITCHING

Mr. D. Cameron has the contract for cleaning out and widening

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((The following editorials show Peter Moodie at his brilliant best. A stalwart fighter for the town & a square deal for the settlers, he puts all the facts before the people and leaves it for them to make judgment. He is mildly dis-

turbed over the handling of the post office appointment, but he is wild over the "give-away" of much of the Westbourne municipality to Mr. Sanford in the drainage project)).

((Editorial)) . . .

Now that the post office has changed hands, a remark or two we feel called upon to make

GOLDEN STREAM SD 26

Golden Stream Pupils Pose for Picture in 1929

THE YOUNGSTERS OF 55 YEARS AGO pictured here have been labelled as follows: FRONT ROW: Earle Wallace; Art Rosling; Ray Stewart; Bob Wallace; Harold Lobban; Percy Gillies; Pearl Lobban and Fred Lewis; SECOND ROW: Art Grantham; Gil Hillman; Vic Hillman; Ronnie Gillies; Doris Humphrey(?); Gwen Rosling; Edna Stewart; Donna McConnell; Lorne Wallace; Lela Wallace; Gordon Wallace; Ben Lewis; James Lobban. BACK ROW: Edith Gillies; Esma Hillman (partially hidden); Georgina Gillies (partially hidden); Laura Gillies; Nora Shallcross; Nellie Stewart; Joe Hindson(?); Ken McConnell; Agnes Gardner; Hubert Shallcross (partially hidden). — The above data, and the following is taken from The Age Press of Feb. 19, 1969 when a small 2x4-inch picture was featured. "The teacher (not shown) & who supposedly took the picture, was Miss Hermina Johnson. It is of some interest to note that Miss Johnson came from Glenboro, & taught on a 2nd class certificate for \$800 for the year. There were 43 pupils registered, of which 31 appear in the picture. It was found in the attic of the school a year ago by some ladies on a clean-up spree. Mrs. Earle Wallace, district reporter, brought it to The Age Office. We are indebted to Ray Stewart, of town, for rounding up the identification of the students."



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ing 5,000 feet of the Wellington ((Katrine)) drain, commencing at station 120. The drain is to be 9 feet wide at top and 4 at bottom.

Mr. D. Ferguson has 4,200 feet of a new drain from the mouth of Jordan Creek (*Plumas area*), carrying the waters further into Big Grass Marsh. The ditch is 6 feet at top and 4 at bottom, with an average depth of 1½ ft.

Mr. Wm. Boyd has 1½ miles, from the mouth of Gopher Creek eastward into the Big Grass Marsh, the width at top being 6 feet and at bottom 2 feet, averaging 2 feet in depth. The earth in the two latter ditches is to be removed 4 ft. from the edge.

Coun. Morrison continues the railroad ditch that has been carried west for about 6 miles by Mr. Graham, 4,000 feet farther; the width at top being 7 feet, at bottom 2, and average depth of 2½ feet.

Coun. Poole carries the waters of Silver Stream into Dead Lake by a ditch 7,000 feet long, the width at top being 6 feet at the bottom 2, and average depth being 1 and two-fifths feet.

Mr. Wesley Smith has the contract for extending Grassy River ditch, 4 miles of which he did last year, but how far he did not inform us, being sore over a few remarks we made on the circumscribed nature of the Minister of Public Works' ditching patronage last season, he being its centre and circumference.

The ditching towards Collins' Creek ((*Woodside*)), and Sanford's, from the mouths of Pine and Squirrel Creeks, will get a further note in a subsequent issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Disclaimer

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: I understand much gossip is afloat as to my having used my office and private influence in changing postmasters. Such a statement is simply unfounded, and I challenge all or up to the proof. G. CLAXTON.
Gladstone, Oct. 6, 1884.

FARMERS TO THE RESCUE!

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

(Editor's Note): As the pithy letter of the Richmond farmer on the "Chicken Plague" covers much the same ground as that of his brother farmer of Blake, published in last issue, we refrain from want of space from publishing it.

He suggests the following two ways of getting rid of the nuisance, and would like the farmers to have a meeting to decide on what to adopt:

(1) To haul them up before a

J. P. whenever found trespassing on their lands.

(2) To give them the "grand bounce".

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUN. OF WESTBOURNE

A full meeting of the Council was held in Herron's Hotel, Wed. week last, Reeve Smalley in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Communications

From Hon. C. P. Brown relative to changing the name of the river.

From same, stating that Mr. Sanford ought to perform a great deal more than \$1,000 of drainage every year, and that it's the Council's own affair to decide whether or not his lands should be exempted from taxation.

From W. Y. Clubb requesting the Council to continue a drain already made, further north, to prevent damage to his land.

From J. W. Jackson, secretary-treasurer Central Judicial District, intimating the amount required for judicial purposes as \$894.36, and County purposes as \$447.18, which must be paid between the 1st and 10th of December next.

Reports

Coun. Morrison: that he had let the following work: 10 rods of grading to J. C. Morrison for \$17.50; 23 rods to Duncan McRae for \$18; and grading and brushing on road to Jacob Orr for \$15.

Coun. McKenzie: 100 rods of ditching to G. Phillips at Grassy River for \$35; brushing ½-mile to R. Quin, \$14; do to T. Patterson, \$16; grading 8 rods to J. Drosst, \$26.25; culverts to Henry Lang, \$12; building bridge, Wm. McAdam, \$50 (it had been found necessary to put in a bent, which would add to the cost); 100 rods grading to S. McAdam, \$20; 80 rods ditching, J. Halliday, \$42.40; 20 rods grading, J. Drosst, \$10; culvert, Henry Lang, \$2; 20 rods grading, Wm. Drosst, \$18; fixing bridge & grading, Wm. Good, \$20.50. The following work by Wm. Good, had been completed: fixing culvert at Stone's bridge, \$4; fixing bridge at J. Anderson's \$9; fixing bridge at A. Dunning's \$16.25.

Coun. Pool: Bridge over Pine Creek, \$240; and driving piles for culvert, covering same with 3-inch plank and filling in approaches to bridge, \$60. B. Willisroft (the dangerous state of old bridge rendered it imperative to have the work done at once without waiting to auction it off); 14 rods grading, \$9.10, and building culvert, \$10, Wellington Pool; repairing culvert & building 4 rods crossing, \$8. A. Clay-

ton; repairing bridge and 5 rods grading, \$4., D. McConnell; 5½ rods grading, \$2.75, P. Robertson; plan and specifications of bridge, \$5., T. Hembroff.

Coun. West: Grading & building culvert near Hyndman's old farm, \$10, W. Grantham; building bridge between secs. 17 and 20, Blake, \$20, W. T. McGill; grading between ranges 11 & 12, and grading and brushing in Blake, \$64.56, J. Manson; building culvert between secs. 23 & 24, Blake, \$18, T. O. Watson; building culvert and grading between secs. 14 & 15, Blake, \$52, D. Cameron; grading between secs. 11 & 12, Blake, \$21.85, A. Muir; building bridge between ranges 11 & 12, \$29, Wm. Fraser; building and grading between secs. 15 & 22, Blake, \$67.60, J. M. Jamieson; filling up approach to bridge between secs. 17 & 20, Blake, \$10, J. Hockin; repairing culverts between ranges 11 & 12, \$3, Abraham West.

Coun. Rhind reported work performed in twp. 15, rge. 9 as completed by G. T. Armstrong for \$20.

Coun. Ferguson: that Wellington Pool be paid \$3.50 for work completed according to contract.

Treasurer Morton managed to get the debentures through the executive in one day, but did not effect an arrangement re \$4,000 note due by the M. & N. W. Rly. Co. Solicitors were accordingly instructed to sue for it.

The Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

J. L. Logie, stationary	\$ 2.40
Jury selectors	17.80
James Young, 11 weeks illness & funeral exp.	56.00
T. L. Morton, salary & trip to Winnipeg	175.00
John Mason, salary	107.50
Moodie Bros., printing	146.70
J. Smith, culvert, Wd. 1	15.00
Jacob Orr, work, Wd. 2	15.00
W. Good, work, Wd. 2	34.05
J. Manson, work, Wd. 4	64.56
T. O. Watson, work, Wd. 4	18.00
D. Cameron, work, Wd. 4	52.00
Wm. Fraser, work, Wd. 4	29.00
J. M. Jamieson, wk, Wd. 4	67.56
A. West, work Wd. 4	3.00
Wellington Pool, Wd. 5	31.00
B. Willisroft, Wd. 6	300.00
T. Hembroff, Wd. 6	5.00

Motions

Ferguson & Pool: that, as in the opinion of this Council, the reclamation of lands lying around Westbourne & Big Grass Marsh has not been satisfactorily completed, as stated in the patent granting to W. E. Sanford, Hamilton, 52,000 acres, more or less, for draining said marsh lands and as by the said work not being done, great damage and loss is occasioned to the ratepayers in this Municipality, that the clerk obtain copies of the various Orders in Council referring to said marsh lands, and a copy of the said patent, and send the whole to Archibald, Howell and Vivian,

the County's solicitors, for their opinion as to what course it would be best for the Council to pursue, as the patent sets forth that the work is completed, though actually scarcely commenced, & the titles to the lands has passed to W. E. Sanford, without apparently any guarantee for the completion of the work being taken by the govt. Carried unanimously. ((The above paragraph is of a very damaging nature to the Hon. C. P. Brown, and it's for sure that Editor Moodie, in his duties as mouthpiece for the electorate will trace it down, as stated in his editorial. Thos. Cory, in his short history sketch of 1894 alludes to possible questionable efforts of the member, but has nothing but praise for him nevertheless. "Mr. Brown, who since 1874 had been our M.P.P., was using every effort to further the interests of the county in which he had a large interest, and what was for his benefit benefited the whole." But Editor Moodie would be reluctant to acquiesce to the truth of his final statement)).

MRS. ANDREWS
BEGS to announce the arrival of her Fall Millinery & Mantles.



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((Editorial)) . . .

The exasperations caused our settlers last season by chicken marauders made, no doubt, our northern letter-writer class too hastily, a gentleman from Portage, with the breed. The offensive reference we know we shall be borne out in withdrawing, and feel justified in extending, in the name of all our settlers, a cordial invitation to any gentleman who is worthy of the name, to an occasional day's sport any time he may find himself within the county's bounds.

((Editorial)) . . .

MORE LIGHT WANTED

While content meanwhile, it being perhaps the best course to pursue, to leave the marsh lands patent business in the hands of the Mun. Council, who have taken it up, and who have the right, in the interest of the people, to see it through, we desire to correct a very erroneous impression that is being attempted to be made on parties here who have not been long enough in the county to gather the facts as they occurred. We had it from Mr. Riley's own mouth (Mr. Sanford's own agent in this drainage

TEACHER WANTED

WANTED for Silver Stream School District a Teacher, (male or female), holding a Third Class Certificate. Apply to J. F. Pool, Sec.-Treas., Gladstone.

TIT FOR TAT

Who said J.P. and J.S.F. were the best looking boys at the dance? — The Girls.

I used the scratch awl & turpentine in good shape, boys. — R.H.

I had hard work to hold him. — F.E.

Oh, boys, the girl that sang the "Lozanger" song is the girl for me. — T.M.

Let me kill him before I die. — J.S.

The crockery pitcher hurt my hand more than his head. — J.F.

I would have taken first place in the foot race had I not slipped and fallen. — S.T.W.

When is that benevolent councillor going to throw around winter hats? I want one. — All.

I'll stand until I run away. — T. McA.

business), and that it is as we give it, there's no gainsaying. He says that Mr. Sanford's patent to these 52,000 acres, more or less, of our marsh lands, has been granted because he has fulfilled the conditions imposed by the Dominion govt. through their engineer who laid out the amount of ditching the execution of which has conferred the titles to these lands.

Now, it will be news to many, as it has been to ourselves, this information that a Dominion Govt. engineer was ever on the ground on such business. But its novelty is far surpassed by its wholesale absurdity. No tyro in engineering, not to speak of a govt. engineer, could hold his reputation so cheap as to throw it away in asserting that the putting done in Big Grass Marsh, with the result only of connecting the channel of our river with the channel of Woodside one, by three pieces of ditching originally of very moderate dimensions, the whole extent of which does not exceed (we write from memory) 3 miles, and making another north for a mile into the lake, was sufficient to drain a marsh extending 18 to 20 miles, averaging 4 in width, and containing in rough numbers, over 60 square miles; and this is the amount of work that has been done in it, which practically covers the same

extent of ground to-day that it did ten years ago.

Explanations of this calibre, which have hitherto been all sufficient to satisfy the intellects & shut the mouths of our really clever men, by a process known only to the initiated, cannot pass muster much longer unless the county is to be allowed to go to headlong destruction. Our people demand, and have a right to be told the true reason of this, as it is to be hoped, only after attempted transfer of so much that can be made valuable land by a little outlay that has yet to be gone into. The local govt. might almost, with as much reason, have recommended deeding over to Sanford every patented homestead in the county, as the 52,000 acres they have, his greater title to the one over the other being so infinitesimally small, that lumping the whole county under his name wouldn't have given much greater a wrench to the meum and tuum principle, and it would have conferred these great benefits - affording the giftee a little breathing spell from the engrossing business of his life, letting down at one bound a whole countyful of people into the nonentities they are, if they can stand the present regime much longer; & giving to some of the executive, who to all appearances, won't be out of the need of it soon, the rare chance of obtaining from Mr. S. at such a flood-time in his fortunes, so much land, free of mortgage, as might set them up in cabbaging a more trustworthy occupation for them to follow for the rest of the natural term of their lives.

Truly, Sir John A. is not altogether blameworthy in withholding our lands, if the present is a sample of how they would all go.

The reflection is pertinent, that whether accidentally or on purpose, penitentiaries do not altogether contain their full quota of people.

LOCAL

Our grist mills are beginning to experience the fact that slackness is over for the season.

Who wouldn't want to be a Manitoban to enjoy the delicious weather of this season of the yr.

A new "Maud S" of the cow variety gave her owner yesterday morning a little more long exercise than he generally allows himself to indulge in.

Galloway Bros. shipped a car load of oats, and their mixed car of potatoes and vegetables east on Tues. They have orders for another car load of oats which they will ship in a day or two.

Mr. W. F. Schooley, station agent here, has been appointed agent for the Allen Line of ocean steamships. Parties can obtain tickets from here to any part of Great Britain and the Continent, and back, at lowest rates; also tickets can be of a set to send home to bring on friends.



The George Bales Family (and Friends) — 1924

THIS GROUP "SNAP" OF THE GEO. BALES FAMILY (WITH FRIENDS) was taken on a Spring day in 1924, in the yard of the Bales home located on the bank of Silver Stream, south of Gladstone. It was kindly contributed by Mrs. T. E. Buchanan (Lillian), now of Onanole, Man., an avid reader of "The Glory Years" and the "100 Years Ago" pamphlets. — In the picture are: BACK ROW: Anna Bruce, (Mrs. Smirl); Lorne Downey; (Violet), Mrs. Robt. Renton, later Mrs. Steve Brown (deceased); Carl Ainsworth; (Margaret), Mrs. Walter "Mac" McLaughlin (deceased); FRONT ROW: (Bessie), Mrs. Percy Hunter; (Alfreda) died at age 11; Stanley (deceased); (Laura), Mrs. James Currie; and (Lillian), Mrs. T. E. Buchanan. — Also Teddy, the dog. — Missing is Ralph who was raised by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kilworth.

(Picture is enlarged 3 times original size).

Mr. Arnold Williams has sold his new and commodious house on the north side of the river to Mr. Crouter for the sum of \$900. He also bought from Mr. J. A. Davidson, of Neepawa, 80 acres of his old homestead, being the south half of the west 1/2-section 31-14-11. \$1500 was the price paid for it. ((The house mentioned still stands as robust as when the youthful "A.G." (he would be 23), built it in 1883, one of 3 or 4 structures the would-be contractor erected the summer before he went prospecting in the west. It's on Fourth St., north side, next west to Mrs. Elsie Buchanan's; presently unoccupied)).

Mr. Rodgers, govt. homestead inspector, has been around. He was in Squirrel Creek settlement this week attending to business, and did some work also in township 15, ranges 9 and 10. He expects to have more extended examinations to make here when he receives his next instructions.

The letter of Mr. Jones in another column, giving such a clear account of the business that made him an absentee for a time recently, is well worthy of perusal. It is to be hoped that arrangements will be perfected this winter by which we can have an elevator started early in spring with all the latest improvements, when his acknowledged skill as a machinist can be tried on it.

Missionary Meetings; Sermons in behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society will be preached (D.V.) at Richmond and Blake on Sunday, Oct. 19, and at Pine Creek and Gladstone on the 26th by Rev. W. Kinley, pastor. Platform meetings to be addressed by Rev. B. Franklin, B.A., and J. N. Robinson, will be held as follows: At Gladstone on Mon., Oct. 27th, at 7:30; at Richmond on Tuesday, at 7:30 and at Pine Creek Wed., at 7:30 p.m.

The annual tea meeting of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the church on Wed. evening, 22nd inst. Tea will be served at 7 o'clock. Thereafter an excellent musical & intellectual entertainment will be given. A good old time social is guaranteed. Among the speakers expected are: Revs. Bell, of Portage; McKellar, of High Bluff, McCrae, of Neepawa; McKenzie, of Carberry; and Mowat, of Brandon. Tickets, 35c. Every body don't fail to go, and take somebody along.

Prairie fires are again in full blast. Four were raging in this vicinity this week, one of which caused by sparks from the engine on Thursday's down train which put the prairie on each side of the track in a blaze on short notice for half a mile or so. Where are those spark arresters? If the engines of threshing machines use them, for their own safety, why don't the railways do the same for their own pockets. We would remind all and sundry that there is a fine of \$200 for

setting out fires, as well as being liable for all damage done. Let us hope the law will make us more careful.

Mr. Fahrni has been shipping oats to Winnipeg.

Grain is moving freely into town these days.

Mr. Routledge, now of Neepawa, has sold his property here.

The family of Rev. Kinley, the new Methodist minister, arrived yesterday. ((In case you do not know, Mrs. Ida Kinley, of Crescent Lodge, is the daughter-in-law of the above reverend gentleman)).

Mr. Small has moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. H. Pritchett, on Morris Ave.

Mr. A. F. Sutherland, Inspector for the Hamilton Provident Loan Society, left Thursday for headquarters.

"Growth in Grace" will be the subject of Rev. F. Jephcott's remarks tomorrow evening.

Mr. Halliday, joint lessee with Mr. Jones of Brown's grist mill, has arrived to assist in putting through the busy time.

Another carload of beeves consigned to Messrs. P. Gallagher & Sons, City Market, Winnipeg, went east from here Tuesday.

Mr. Anderson has gone on business for a week or ten days to Winnipeg. The same errand took Mr. Galloway east by the same train Tuesday.

What with commercial travellers by the half-dozen, the homestead inspector, land inspector, shootists, and all that sort, our hotels, particularly the Wilson House, are kept as busy as they want to be.

We saw a fine specimen of a young swan which the Rev. Mr. Jephcott is stuffing. He got it from Westbourne. Also a fur-bearing animal, shot by J. Cooper in T. Carmichael's bush, which our zoologists have had hard work to classify.

Mr. Lambourne, of the Free Press, is up from Winnipeg for a short stay on his farm in Tupper township. He is looking well and feeling hearty. When he returns Mrs. Lambourne will accompany him for the winter months.

A beautiful example of how not to do it happened to Mr. Boyd the other day. He has been moving the garden stuff home, and to help, hired a team of doubtful reputation. After loading, the process of unloading had to commence at once for they would not budge an inch until it was completed, and then the celerity with which they backed the wagon into the river, kicked off the harness and went for a swim, put the poor driver into such a fever of admiration(?) that softening of the brain was feared. He is,

however, getting bravely over it.

The sale of improved farm property in the county by the Hamilton Provident Loan Society in satisfaction of mortgage claims and advertised to take place on Tuesday last, came off in a room in Herron's Hotel at the hour of 3 o'clock of that day. There was a very fair attendance but the bidding was far from spirited, many, no doubt, deterred from going in to make a fortune in real estate by the intimation of the reserved bid claimed by the company. Only one parcel changed hands, being bought by R. T. Riley, Esq. Mr. J. E. Paul had the sinecure work of conducting the sale.

The carload of wheat lately shipped by Mr. Fahrni, was said by the buyer to be the best sample of No. 1 hard Fyfe he had handled this season. With a crack reputation as a beef-raising centre, nothing is wanted to bring it to the front as a grain producer of the first rank both as to quality & quantity, our allowed immunity from most frosts hitherto guaranteeing the first, and our large stretches of occupied and unoccupied cultivable soil, ensuring the latter, but the expenditure of some of the old time energy.

Messrs. McAlpine, Small and Alex Wilson got their hay burnt last Thursday. Mr. McAlpine, with some more, was endeavouring to burn round the stacks when the wind raced the fire right into them, of which it made a quick, though not happy despatch. They had quite a hard job trying to save Alex Wilson's house. If one, after fencing their stacks, would also plough two strips around them, and burning the space between them carefully then they might go and rest in peace, knowing that they had done all they could; also thoroughly finishing one job before starting another.

MARRIED

At Richmond, by the Rev. W. Murdin, on the 12th inst., Mr. Wm. Long to Miss Rowena Snell, both of the township of Florence.

SANFORD'S DITCHES

The double ditch into the White Mud river below the Salt Plains, to convey the waters of Pine and Squirrel creeks from the marsh they spread themselves over, has been completed as far as the lower end. The ditches which have been made by Mr. Dan Ferguson, who secured the contract, are very large, being throughout their whole extent 13 feet wide at the bottom, from 16 to 20 ft. wide on the surface, with a depth varying from 18 inches to 4 feet according to the ground, & must do good work. The water which had been dammed back until Mr. Riley's inspection of the work, which he did on Wednesday, was let into the ditches at the conclusion of it - made speedy time into the main river, which will

henceforth have just so much more work to do. From the lower end of the marsh the drains are to be carried into the channels of the creeks by the aid of cutting machines, the use of spades further being impracticable.

CORRESPONDENCE

To The Editor,
Of The
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Dear Sir: Through the columns of your paper I desire to call the attention of the proper authorities to the unsafe condition of the culvert across ditch on the north side of rly. track, where the main highway crosses railroad. My ponies have lately had two narrow escapes from breaking their legs while crossing it. Little money and less time would fix it.

Yours truly,
B. A. C. Anderson.

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: It may be of some interest to your readers to get a description of the elevator on the Bell farm, which is designed on an entirely new system, and one which, in my opinion, will be likely to prove a great improvement on the old system now in use.

The plan on which most of the elevators now in use are designed, is to erect an oblong building of two by four scantling laid flat one on the other to the required height for the bins; this building is subdivided into the required number of bins by two by four scantling laid in the same way as in the walls of the building. After the main building is up to the top of the bins it is contracted in width and carried up to a height sufficient to allow for the fall of the grain from the elevator legs through the different spouts to the bins. Now, in an elevator of this description, having cleaning machinery on the ground floor, the mode of handling the grain is about as follows: The grain is unloaded from the wagon or sleigh of the farmer and thrown into a hopper on the scales, where it is weighed. It is then dropped into a shute connecting with the elevator legs and is carried up to the top of the building and discharged into a bin from which it passes into the cleaning machinery. After being cleaned, it is carried up to another bin by a second elevator which connects with the scales, into the hopper of which it is to run, weighed and elevated a third time, for deposit in the shipping bins, whence it is loaded into the cars.

Now, in the system employed by Mr. Stewart in the one on the Bell farm, the building is almost round, or ten-sided with a central tower carried sufficiently high to contain a cleaning mach-

ine and scales and to give sufficient drop for the grain into the various bins, which radiate from the central tower, making it very easy to spout grain into them, owing to the short distance of the elevator legs.

The building is on two by four spruce or pine, built in the same way as already described with the exception of the bottoms, which start from the ground in the centre of the building, thus saving 12 or 14 feet of height in the same size of building. These bottoms are built in as it is carried up and floored over after. The bottoms of these bins all open into a shute connecting with the elevator, the buckets of which are driven by Ewart's driving chain, no belting being used except in the cleaning machinery, which does away with the driving of stretchers and other useless machinery.

The mode employed in this elevator is as follows. The grain is unloaded into a hopper and weighed as it comes from the farmer. It is then dropped into a shute connected with the elev-

ator and carried to the top of the building and thence into the cleaner, after which it passes into the shipping scales, situated under the cleaner, when it is weighed, whence it passes into the shipping or storage bins according to the operator's pleasure, Mr. Stewart thus doing by one hoisting what takes three in the system ordinarily used.

The whole building is covered with iron and stands on a foundation of concrete and brick, and the bottom floor is made of 6 x 6 timber. A winding stair is carried up the centre to the top, making climbing much easier than by the ladders in use in the elevators along the C.P.R. track.

These are only a few outlines of the main features of this building and its machinery, but it will serve to give some idea of the difference between the systems now in use. As the matter of handling the crops is of some importance, it oughtened to hurt to keep posted.

Yours truly,
W. T. JONES.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING



Residents in "the West" since the early '70s, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross celebrated their "50th" Wedding Anniversary at their home in Golden Stream district, Monday. Following a family dinner, residents of the district attended a dance in their honor at Mayfield Hall.

Born in Paisley, Ont., in 1853, Mr. Ross came west in 1873 with his parents, travelling part of the way by boat. He settled within a mile of his present home.

In 1881 he married Sarah Gillies, who was born in Ripley, Ont., and came to the West in 1878. Mrs. Ross travelled by boat to Duluth, then by team to Fisher's Landing, and thence up the Red River to Winnipeg, from which she went by wagon to a homestead in Golden Stream district.

The couple, both of whom are in good health, received a purse of gold from their six daughters and three sons attending the celebrities, and another purse from friends in the district. The children are: Mrs. C. Monger, and Miss Margaret Ross, of Winnipeg; Mrs. N. McInnes, of Kelvington, Sask.; Mrs. R. Thomson, of Muir, Man.; Jennie and Eunice, at home; Edward, Stanley and Thomas, all of Golden Stream.

((Above reproduction is a clipping from a 1931 Winnipeg daily newspaper)).



Big Gang at Harvest Bee for Art Brooks — 1960

WHO'S THAT FELLOW UP THERE ON TOP? And who are all the rest of them? Many can be identified easily, but not all. If someone can provide the names, it would be nice to properly record the event - even at this late date. The Age Press camera was present to snap the crew in several different poses, but the picture does not seem to have appeared in the paper, though reference was made to the event as "One of Biggest Harvest Bees ever held here," in a short obituary notice in the Nov. 9th issue, the day after the death of Mr. Brooks.